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Applicant(s): Nathanson et al. : Group Art Unit: 3732

Serial No.: 10/021,980 : Examiner: Candice C. Melson

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For: INTERNAL OSTEOTOMY :
FIXATION DEVICE :

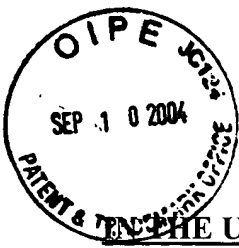
**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 IN RESPONSE TO
JUNE 16, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The June 16, 2004 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by September 16, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.



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I hereby certify that the following attached paper(s) and/or fee

- (1) A Response to Office Action of 6/16/04;
- (2) A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents

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